



Gary J. Berta

February 12, 1938 - July 25, 2015

Gary J. Berta, 77 of Grand Island died Saturday, July 25, 2015 at CHI Health-St. Francis Skilled Care after a long illness.

To honor Gary's wishes cremation has taken place. Private family celebration of life will be at a later date. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Gary was born February 12, 1938 at Broadwater, NE the son of Joseph and Nadine (McKibbin) Berta.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Billie; son, Brad (Melissa) Berta of Cumming, Georgia and daughter, Jerri (Scott) Cutrer; grandchildren, Lindsey Hawley, Jordan Cutrer, Joseph Berta, Jesse Cutrer and Lisa Berta and great-grandchildren, Isaiah Hawley, Elijah Hawley and Selah Hawley.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Mac.

Gary graduated from Bridgeport High School, class of 1954. He had 4 years of college and worked in agriculture and the cattle business his entire life. On December 17, 1965 he married the love of his life, Billie Austin. Gary owned the Primitive Touch Antique Warehouse, a family run business in Grand Island.

He loved all sports, especially the NY Yankee's and Nebraska Cornhuskers. He will be remembered for his great sense of optimism; his love of family as the sweetest loving husband and father; and for being a hard worker. In lieu of flowers his family request any memorials to the Grand Island Little League in care of All Faiths Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary J. Berta

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Billie and family, we were saddened to hear of Gary's passing. We so enjoyed the brief time we spent together a few years ago. And Jerry had lots of stories of the cousins, especially at Grandma McKibbin's house. Please know that we are thinking of you.

Beth McKibbin, Randy and Micki McKibbin and family

elizabeth McKibbin - August 01, 2015 at 09:09 AM



“ Billie, I was saddened to hear of your loss of your beloved Gary. I hope you find comfort in your fond memories of this wonderful man. You two were such a great couple and always enjoyed each other so much.

Pat Schwieger

Pat Schwieger - July 29, 2015 at 07:54 AM

DR

“ *Billie, we are so sorry to hear about Gary's passing. I know we have lost touch over the years, but our memories are so great about you two. The late night basket ball, our bowling team, card games, on and on. I don't know if Jerri would remember us, but we sure remember her too.*

You are in our hearts and prayers, Billie. I hope we can see you on one of our trips to Nebraska. We have not tried hard enough to get that done.

Love, Doug and Shari

Doug & Shari Robinson - July 28, 2015 at 08:12 PM

BH

“ *I remember Gary, Billie, and Jeri coming to the house to have dinner. That was always a good time. Mom and Billie laughing so hard at times they would have tears in their eyes, Gary and Dad outside cooking at the grill, always laughing and then the kids just being kids. All memories are fond of Gary. He always had time for everyone in our family. He always spoke highly and kindly of others with seldom a negative comment. He will be missed by many. We are hopeful that as time passes, you will find your peace. We love you and we are all thinking of you.*

*Becky (Garrison) and Michael Haskins
Chad Haskins and Erin Haskins*

Becky Haskins - July 28, 2015 at 05:14 PM

GJ

“ I love this picture of Gary as it captures his genuine smile, laughing eyes, ageless/boyish good looks, mischievous spirit, and infectious optimism. He was a unique and special person, and I’m sure he was unaware of how he touched our lives.

Back in the day, Gary would “pop in” to visit our parents and he would regale them with a story about his day or a commentary on current events. But, he also took the time to notice and pay attention to the four children. Through his unique sense of humor and teasing ways he made everyone feel special and valued. Like a magician, he would spread around a little fun and laughter and leave us all with lifted spirits— an effect that would last for days.

Gary gave of himself, and his presence was the present.

Billie, Jerri and family-

Our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. May the sweet and loving memories help you find peace.

Our deepest sympathy,

Gina (Garrison) and Bill Whiteside

Gina Jones - July 28, 2015 at 01:25 PM

KM

“ Oh gosh... I remember Gary with such fond memories. His sense of humor was a blast to be around. He knew feeder cattle like no other and he was honest and trustworthy...a quality that was always suspect in his business. He adored his wife and family and was a tride and true friend. I always felt safe around Gary. He will be missed. Our hearts and prayers go to you, Billie..

God bless,

Kathy & Jim Morris

Kathy Morris - July 27, 2015 at 08:16 PM